



TWO DEGREES, ONE PATH

TRANSFER PATHWAY GUIDE 2025-2026

Associate in Applied Science in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education To
Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education – Certification Track

Overview

Completion of the following curriculum will satisfy the requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education degree at Gateway Community and Technical College (GCTC) and leads to the Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Early Childhood Education – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Certification Track degree at Northern Kentucky University (NKU).

Applying to the Gateway2NKU Program

Students can apply to participate in the pathway program by completing the online application on the NKU transfer webpage. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours at Gateway CTC, enrolled in an associate degree program, plan to transfer to NKU, and maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA at Gateway CTC.

Degree Requirements for GCTC

1. Completion of minimum 60 credit hours
2. Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0
3. Minimum of 15 credit hours earned at the institution awarding the degree
4. Demonstration of digital literacy

Admission Requirements to NKU

Students completing an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher will be accepted into NKU.

In addition, students must meet the following requirements for admission into Early Childhood Education – IECE Certification Track. Courses in parentheses are GCTC course equivalencies.

- 45 earned credit hours
 - EDU 104 with a grade of C or higher
 - PSY 100 (PSY 110)
 - CMST 101 (COM 181) with a grade of B or higher
 - ENG 102 (ENG 102) with a grade of B or higher
 - EDU 300 (EDP 202) with a grade of C or higher

- EDU 305 (EDU 201) with a grade of C or higher
- EDU 316 with a grade of C or higher
- 2.75 or higher overall GPA (all transfer & NKU coursework combined) - OR - 3.00 or higher GPA in your last 30 attempted credit hours
- Meet the entrance exam requirement through an approved combination of passing scores on the ACT and/or Praxis I Core Academic Skills for Educators exams*
 - ACT Comp. 22 -OR-
 - Reading (ACT: 20 -or- Praxis I: 150) and
 - Eng./Writing (ACT: 18 -or- Praxis I: 158) and
 - Mathematics (ACT: 19 -or- Praxis I: 144)
- Successful completion of a recent FBI criminal background check
- Completed Teacher Education Admission Application

*Minimum Praxis score is five (5) points lower for each subject exam if your overall GPA is 3.00 or higher.

*Passing ACT scores must be less than ten (10) years old at the date of admission to the teacher education program. Your date of admission occurs at the end of a successful admission semester, not at the beginning.

For the fall Admission Semester, the deadline to meet the above requirements must have them on file with the COE is August 1

For the spring Admission Semester, the deadline to meet the above requirements must have them on file with the COE is December 1

Registration for EDS 360, EDU 313 and Admission Field Experience (EDU 303, 307, 309, 311 or 334) may only be completed after all above requirements are met. Seats in the admission courses are limited. Therefore, to ensure the best course selection get your requirements completed early! Work with your COE advisor to ensure proper enrollment.

Degree Requirements for NKU

To earn a bachelor's degree at NKU, students must

1. Complete a minimum of 120 credit hours
2. Complete at least 25% of the credit hours required at NKU
3. Complete the last 30 credit hours at NKU
4. Complete at least 45 credit hours numbered 300 or above
5. Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA across all major coursework
6. Meet all requirements for the major
7. Completion of a minor, focus, or second major (if required by major)

General Transfer Information

Students must complete the online application to NKU. There is no application fee for students who are transferring from GCTC.

KCTCS Scholars Award: Students who are KY residents transferring directly from a KCTCS institution with at least 36 hours from that institution and minimum GPA of 3.0, were never enrolled as a degree-

seeking student at NKU, and will be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours both fall and spring semester are eligible for a limited number of \$2,500 annual scholarships (\$1,250 per fall and spring). Students must gain admission to NKU by June 15 for fall and November 1 for spring to be eligible for a possible scholarship. Online accelerated programs are not eligible for the KCTCS Scholars Award.

GCTC AAS IN INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO NKU BA IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION TRACK CHECKLIST

Gateway Community and Technical College

Category 1: GCTC General Education Requirements

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
ENG 101	Writing I (WC)	3	ENG 101	
ENG 102	Writing II (WC)	3	ENG 102	
COM 181	Basic Public Speaking (OC)	3	CMST 101	
TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities (AH) – Humanities or Heritage	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Quantitative Reasoning (QR) MAT 146 or higher recommended	3	TBD XXX	
PSY 110	General Psychology (SB)	3	PSY 100	
TBS XXX	Natural Science (NS)	3-4	TBD XXX	
	Subtotal General Education Courses	21-22		

TBS XXX means to be selected by GCTC student.

TBD XXX means to be determined by NKU based on course selected.

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Category 2: GCTC Technical Core Requirements for Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
EDU 204	Technology in the Classroom	3	EDU 313	
IEC 101	Orientation to Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 200T	
IEC 102	Foundations of Early Childhood Education	3	EDU 200T	
IEC 130	Early Childhood Development	3	IEC 130 + IEC 170 = EDU 566	
IEC 170	Observation and Assessment	3	IEC 130 + IEC 170 = EDU 566	
IEC 180	Approaches to Early Childhood Education Curriculum	3	IEC 180 + IEC 221 + IEC 246 = EDU 551 + EDU 567	
IEC 200	Child Guidance	3	EDU 301	
IEC 216	Literacy and Language in IECE	3	EDU 554	
IEC 221	Creative Expressions in IECE		IEC 180 + IEC 221 + IEC 246 = EDU 551 + EDU 567	

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
IEC 235	Introduction to Inclusive Education	3	EDS 360	
IEC 295	IECE Capstone	3		
	Subtotal Technical Core Credit Hours	36		

Category 3: GCTC Technical Support Elective Requirements for Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (Choose 2)

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Completed
IEC 210	Families and Communities in Early Childhood Education (recommended)	3	EDU 320	
IEC 230	Business Administration of ECE Programs	3	IEC 230 + IEC 240 = EDU 568	
IEC 240	Administration of Early Childhood Education	3	IEC 230 + IEC 240 = EDU 568	
IEC 250	School Age Child Care	3		
IEC 260	Infant and Toddler Education and Programming (recommended)	3	EDU 552	
	Subtotal Technical Support Electives Credit Hours	6		
	Total Associate Degree Credit Hours	63-64		

Category 4: Additional Gateway Requirements for Core General Education Certification

In addition to completing the requirements of the AAS degree, students can complete additional courses from these categories in order to satisfy general education requirements through the completion of an Associate in Arts degree at GCTC. If a student completes the AAS degree and transfers on to NKU, they will need to take six general education courses in addition to the required major courses.

GCTC Course	Course or Category	Credits	NKU Course	Taken at GCTC
TBS XXX	Heritage or Humanities Course (AH) (whichever was not taken above)	3	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Additional Quantitative Reasoning or Natural Science Course (with lab, if not taken above)	3-4	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Choose two additional Social & Behavioral Science courses	6	TBD XXX	
TBS XXX	Choose two additional Social & Behavioral Science courses (EDU 316: Education in a Multicultural Society can be taken at NKU)	3	TBD XXX	

TBS XXX	Arts & Humanities, Social Behavioral Science, Foreign Language, or Oral Communication	3	TBD XXX	
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Subtotal General Education Credit Hours		18-19		

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Category 5: NKU Additional General Education Requirements (if not completed at Gateway)

Courses at NKU listed in category 5 are required only if students do not complete the GCTC courses listed above in category 4 prior to transferring.

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
TBS XXX	Natural Science	3-4		
TBS XXX	Individual & Society	3		
TBS XXX	Culture & Creativity	3		
TBS XXX	Global Viewpoints	3		
Subtotal General Education Courses		12-13		

Category 6: NKU Major Requirements for the BA in Early Childhood Education – Certification Track

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
CMST 101	Public Speaking	3	COMM 181	X
ENG 101	Writing for College and Beyond	3	ENG 101	X
ENG 102	Writing and Research	3	ENG 102	X
PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 110	X
EDU 104	Orientation: Education Profession/Program	1		
EDU 300	Human Growth and Development	3	EDP 202	
EDU 301	Interpersonal Interaction and Guidance	3	IEC 200	X
EDU 302	Teaching of Reading	3		
EDU 303	Admission Field Experience IECE	2		
EDU 305	Introduction to Education	2	EDU 201	
EDU 313	Instructional Technology	3	EDU 204	X
EDU 316	Education in a Multicultural Society (SB)	3		
EDU 320	Family Engagement in the Home, School and Community	3	IEC 210	X
EDU 395	IECE Field Experience I	3		
EDU 397	IECE Field Experience II	3		
EDU 491	Clinical Experience in IECE	12		
EDU 517	Teaching of Phonics in Elementary/Middle	3		
EDU 550	Current Trends in Early Childhood Education	3		
EDU 551	Preschool Education and Programming	3	IEC 180 +	X

NKU Course	Course	Credits	GCTC Course	Taken at GCTC
			IEC 221 + IEC 246	
EDU 552	Infant Toddler Education and Programming	3	IEC 260	
EDU 554	Language Development and Emergent Literacy	3	IEC 216	X
EDU 565	EC Screening & Ongoing Assessment	3		
EDU 568	Administration and Supervision in Early Childhood Education	3	IEC 230 + IEC 240	
EDU 569	Kindergarten Education and Programming	3		
EDS 322	Instructional Planning for Inclusive Elementary Classrooms	3		
EDS 360	Students with Exceptionalities in School	3	IEC 235	X
EDS 362	Applied Behavior Analysis for Students with Disabilities	3		
EDS 365	Characteristics of Emotional/Behavioral Disorder	3		
EDS 551	Assistive Technology in the Classroom	3		
EDS 562	Early Childhood Special Education Programs	3		
EDS 570	Working with Families of Students with Disabilities	3		
	Subtotal Major Credit Hours at NKU	65-68		
	Subtotal Credit Hours GCTC	63-64		
	Subtotal Additional General Education Credit Hours	12-19		
	Total Major Credit Hours	98		
	Total Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hours	141-150		

EDU 303 is waived if student provides documentation of 50 hours of field experience in an education setting. If EDU 303 is waived, student must complete EDU 334: Portfolio Development (1 credit).

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